

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, January 28, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING

APPROVED – February 25, 2016
MSC: Cooperberg/Gasco/Unanimous

Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation/Action/Motion/
Call to Order by Chairman Gasco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call – Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Victoria Sofro, Jo Helen Graham Absent: Fred Leaf 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of November 19 and December 17 , 2015 minutes 	Minutes Approved: November 19 MSC – Cooperberg/Lue/Unanimous December 17 MSC – De La Torre/DeBose/Unanimous
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report	<p>Welcome New Commissioner Caroline Kelly, JD Supervisor Shelia Kuehl Appointee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-practicing attorney • Many years in public education restorative justice • Family member <p>SAAC Co-Chair/MHC Chair Meeting – Terry Lewis, Executive Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule presentation for Dr. Innes-Gomberg to speak on the Health Navigators at next SAAC meeting • SAACs gave feedback on recruitment bulletin for Director of Mental Health • Invite Quality Assurance and Improvement Committees to discuss tracking information on substance use • Request update on Diversion Plan from Mary Marx • “No Place Like Home” initiative 	<p>ACTION: Chairman Gasco requested to include IAB Update on agenda monthly under Chairman’s Report.</p>

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	<p>IAB January 27, 2016 Meeting Update – Vice Chair DeBose</p> <p>Presentations made on IAB priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Ford, DHS, Priority 1 – Consumer Access to and Experience to Clinical Services • Wes Ford, DPH, Priority 6 - Implementation of the Expanded Use Disorder Benefit <p>Brief update from IAB subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Jeff – Skid Row • Manal Aboelata – Looking at prevention instead of treatment 	
	<p>Motion to appeal disqualification of Jean Harris</p> <p>County Counsel rejected the motion without offering a resolution why consumer was denied</p> <p>Commissioner Gilberg recommended Commission move forward to elect the second choice consumer candidate for the IAB to increase consumer participation.</p> <p>Chairman Gasco stated the motion to proceed with the candidate elected in second place to serve as IAB consumer representative.</p>	<p>Motion – Proceed with the candidate elected in second place to serve as IAB consumer representative</p> <p>MSC – De La Torre/Gilberg/Unanimous</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By laws Committee will meet in February • Budget Committee will provide a calendar of meeting dates 	
	<p>Executive Committee Report</p> <p>Vice Chair DeBose covered key items discussed at the January 14 meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mitchell Katz, Health Agency Director talked about the positive results from the merger of the three departments and how being together helps. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robin Kay, Acting Mental Health Director, discussed new team based model to serve clients transferred from local jails to the Castaic facility. 	
	<p>CALBHB/C Quarterly Meeting January 21-23 attended by Commissioners Gasco, DeBose, De La Torre, Kelly, and Lyle</p> <p>Presentations and discussion topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Program in San Diego • Treatment centers for substance abusers • Increase dues from counties • Look for ways to increase funding • Regional directors need to work together <p>Commission Kelly attended training sponsored by the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions on 1) How to be a great board, 2) Effective Advocacy, and 3) AB 1234 Ethics:</p>	
<p>Robin Kay, PhD Acting Director</p>	<p>DMH Report</p> <p>Jail Diversion Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty inmates have moved into communities • Work continues with SAPC (Substance Abuse Prevention and Control) to design treatment and prevention plans for substance abuse disorders. • Bus tour scheduled February 19 to visit courts and meet with judges • Negotiations to expend urgent care centers have begun • SB 82 team initiatives implemented in all service areas. • DHS established a sobering center • DMH was well attended at the Empowerment Congress • Collaborations with DMH, community colleges, and Sheriff have formed to implement campus 	

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	<p>safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the pros and cons of IBHIS vs ORCHID systems. DMH hired a consultant to iron out the details. <p>Legislative Report Susan Rajlal, Legislative Analyst reported: Senate announced the “No Place Like Home” initiative. The initiative is a bipartisan package to address homelessness by re-purposing Prop 63 homelessness funding leveraging billions of dollars from local, state, and federal money to achieve housing, mental illness, income support, and outreach goals.</p> <p>Ms. Rajlal recommended continuing supporting the bills that will be re-introduced this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB 3632 - serves children formerly under the county was transferred back to school districts. Concerns involve inadequate IEPs. AB 1300 - goal of hospital association to reform LPS SB 614 - Professional certification allows peers option to transfer status within counties Foster kids and psychotropic drugs 	
New Business	Commission requested regular updates/presentations on specific DMH issues to be placed on the monthly agenda.	ACTION – Coordinate regular updates on the following DMH issues; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and health neighborhoods Promotores and beyond Spanish speaking communities Critical issues in Children Services Wellness Centers Status of conference discontinuing
Public Comments	Twelve public comments were submitted requesting to speak and/or address the Commission.	
Commissioners’ Report	Commissioner Lyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to be an integral part of Skid Row area 	ACTION – DMH include Commissioner Lyle as an integral participant in Skid Row area projects.

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	<p>projects partnering with General Jeff, communities and coalitions to ensure that they receive what they deserve.</p> <p>Commissioner Lue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • API along with UREP plans to engage and implement the issue of cultural competency with all groups. Plans include meeting with Robin Kay and Board of Supervisors to address the issue this year. <p>Commissioner Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excited about the work of the Commission and how County works and what the issues are. Open to information from fellow Commissioners. 	<p>ACTION – Request assistance to contact other coalitions for the cultural competency issue.</p>
<p>SAAC 1 Report Wendy Cabil</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Co-Chair in training • Looking forward to bring reports to Commission meetings 	
<p>SAAC 2 Report Patricia Russell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Innes-Gomberg presented Innovations 2 plan • Ongoing housing issues • Plans continue to host a housing summit plus co-occurring disorders, TAY, and Reentry issues 	
<p>SAAC 3 Report William Legere</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • API has largest population in the county and San Gabriel Valley • Presentation on immigrants who do not speak English. • Presentation on API involvement in services. Some groups are being neglected. • Alfredo Larios, DMH Acting Director SA 3 will retire 	
<p>SAAC 4 Report</p>	<p>No report</p>	
<p>SAAC 5 Report Karen Macedonia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced a new consumer subcommittee finally developed • Want to empower her position as SAAC Co-Chair and where resources can be obtained. 	

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SAAC 6 Report Dorothy Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on “Fair Housing 101” • Subcommittee formulated to prioritize the needs of the communities using the strategies formed by SLT. • Asked for status on the Wellness Center shut down due to non-certification by state. • In addition to housing, services to teach people how to pay bills and maintain housing are also needed. • Continued support from Second District and the community is also needed. • Co-Chair asked Commissioners from Second District to come to SAAC meetings and give a report. 	
SAAC 7 Report	No report	
SAAC 8 Report	No Report	
LACCC Report	No report	
Future Meeting Presentations	Chairman asked that Commissioners think about presentations at full meetings for upcoming months in 2016.	ACTION – Presentations recommended <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wellness – February 2016 2. Health Neighborhoods - TBA
Meeting adjourned MSC Lue/Sanchez	Next Meeting – February 25, 2016 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 739 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	

Highlights by Canetana Hurd